

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS SCAG SPOTLIGHT



Legislation and Policy Affecting Our Region

February 2012

RC Report

Highlights from the Regional Council Meeting

February 2, 2012

ACTION – RC Nominates New Officers

The Regional Council voted in new officers for 2012-2013. The Hon. Glen Becerra of Simi Valley was elected as President, Hon. Greg Pettis of Cathedral City as 1st Vice President, and Hon. Carl Morehouse of Ventura as 2nd Vice President. The slate of officers will be forwarded to the General Assembly in April for ratification.

INFORMATION – RC Hears Report on Transportation Needs Assessment

CTC Chairman Dario Frommer gave a presentation on the CTC's 2011 Annual Report to the Legislature, which highlights the Commission's prior-year decisions, major policies and decisions adopted by the Commission, as well as identifying issues in transportation for the upcoming year (2012). In addition,



pictured from left to right: CTC Chairman Dario Frommer, Executive Director Ikhrata, SCAG

Mr. Frommer spoke on the CTC's 2011 Statewide Transportation Needs Assessment, which details what is needed to both preserve and maintain California transportation infrastructure. Both reports are available at the CTC's website, www.catc.ca.gov

ACTION – HSR Agreement Approved

The Regional Council voted to execute an MOU with the California High-speed Rail Authority (CHSRA) and Southern California transportation agencies. The MOU provides for \$1 billion for upgrading existing infrastructure (Metrolink, LOSSAN), and improving speed and comfort on Southern California's rail system.

ACTION – RC Releases Draft RHNA

The Regional Council approved the distribution of the draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Plan, which represents the projected housing needs for each city and county in the SCAG region for 2013-2021. The final RHNA Allocation Plan is scheduled for adoption on October 5, 2012. To view the allocation plan, find the complete schedule and obtain more information about RHNA, please visit www.scag.ca.gov/rhna.

From the Executive Director

Additional News for the Month

Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS

In January, SCAG began to conduct outreach workshops and public hearings throughout the region on the Draft 2012-2035 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities (RTP/SCS). To fulfill one of the requirements of Senate Bill 375, SCAG invited all elected officials in the region to the workshops. SCAG partner agencies have assisted us in getting the word out on this outreach effort to other stakeholders and the general public as well.

The workshops have featured a video detailing the vision of the Draft Plan, county-specific presentations by SCAG staff and opportunities for comments and questions from elected officials, stakeholders and the general public in attendance. Some of the issues and concerns raised through the workshops were related to funding strategies, additional funding needs for active transportation, Sustainable Communities Strategies, the role of Neighborhood Electric Vehicle programs in the plan, Goods Movement and High Speed Rail Programs.

This last round of Draft RTP workshops and public hearings ends on February 6. The formal 55-day public review and comment period for the Draft RTP ends on February 14. Materials from the workshops, including the PowerPoint presentations, are available at <http://rtpscs.scag.ca.gov/Pages/Workshop-Materials.aspx>.

Sixth Annual Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards

SCAG is now accepting nominations for its Sixth Annual Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards. Last year's Recognition Awards Program was well received and we hope to build on this momentum and enjoy another memorable program this year. The Compass Blueprint Recognition Awards are presented annually in recognition of projects that demonstrate excellence and achievement in the four key elements of Compass Blueprint planning: Livability, Mobility, Prosperity, and Sustainability. Visit www.compassblueprint.org/awards.

SAVE THE DATE:

2012 SCAG Regional Conference & General Assembly
April 4 – 5, 2012, Bonaventure Hotel in Downtown LA

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EVENTS

FEBRUARY

14th RTP/SCS Public Comment Period Ends

21st RC/Joint Policy Committees Workshop on Draft PEIR

MARCH

1st Regional Council and Policy Committee Meetings

21st RC/Joint Policy Committees Workshop on Draft RTP/SCS